

## DEATH'S ICY GRASP.

Five Seamen Overwhelmed in Chesapeake Bay.

TEMPEST TOSSED AND BENUMBED.

Shipwrecked Sailors Embark in a Yawl, Which Is Dashed Against the Piles of York Spit Lighthouse—The Keeper Watches Their Ineffectual Struggles and Is Powerless to Aid Them.

NORFOLK, Va., March 17.—The steamer Defiance arrived here from Baltimore. Capt. Burgess reports that on passing York Spit lighthouse Sunday morning he saw a schooner ashore and sunk on the spit near the northwest buoy. About the same time a yawl boat was seen containing five men leaving the sunken schooner and pulling for the lighthouse. The wind was blowing with terrific force and as the boat approached the lighthouse it was thrown against the iron poles and swamped and all five men were thrown overboard.

Accumulated to the Sea.

The men grasped the iron rods of the piles in a desperate struggle for life, but the sea dashed over them with such fury that they were soon benumbed and overpowered and fell off and were drowned.

A short time afterwards a boat had been lowered from the lighthouse and a man was seen to descend a pile and jump into the boat, which on getting loose immediately drifted away. The Defiance promptly ran up alongside the drifting boat and threw the man a line and he was hauled on board and proved to be James B. Hurst, the second keeper of the lighthouse.

He saw Them Perish.

He stated that all five of the shipwrecked men were drowned in his presence and he was unable to render any assistance whatever on account of the violent seas dashing over everything.

It is supposed the schooner is an oyster vessel and was going to run into East river, but it is impossible to learn her name or the names of the drowned men.

Boomers Turning Backward.

GUTHRIE, I. T., March 17.—The president's proclamation ordering all settlers on the Cherokee strip to vacate is already having the desired effect. This together with the orders received by Gen. Merritt at Fort Leavenworth to use force if necessary to eject the boomers, has already caused considerable of an exodus from the forbidden territory. All day long the trains were loaded down with boomers leaving the strip. Many persons who flocked to the Cherokee strip under the impression that it was open to settlement have not the means to remove and will remain until the troops escort them out.

Troops After the Boomers.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 17.—Gen. Merritt has ordered six troops of cavalry to proceed to the Cherokee strip and out the boomers there. Two troops of cavalry have been ordered from each of the towns of Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Supply to proceed at once to Guthrie. At that point the forces will be united under the senior captain, and a concentrated movement on the settlers is expected. The troops have been given instructions for the troops to give the settlers time to vacate before resorting to forcible measures.

All's Well at Apia.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Advises to The Chronicle from Apia report everything quiet in the Samoan islands. King Malietoa has not yet formed a permanent government. Referring to the recent arrival of the new chief justice provided for in the Berlin treaty. The wrecks of the Trenton and Vandalia are injuring the harbor, the tidal current being diverted at times from its natural course and driven with great force against the shore.

Cooper Non-Committal.

MEDIA, Pa., March 17.—Collector Cooper has returned from a sojourn of ten days at the Hygeia house, Old Point Comfort. Mrs. Cooper accompanied him and the collector is considered over his visit, which was a necessary relief, indeed, to an overworked constitution. He said, when interviewed on the governorship, that he had no candidate nor would he use his influence in favor of any of them.

Churchill and His Critics.

LONDON, March 17.—Lord Randolph Churchill's recent speech against the reception of the Parnell commission's report has been published. In a note added to it Lord Randolph says the charge of disloyalty which some persons have brought against him might more forcibly be urged against those who forced parliament into the appointment of the commission.

Assaulted the Mate.

PROVIDENCE, March 17.—Second Mate Charles Flood, of the schooner Walker Armstrong, was arrested Saturday for assaulting First Mate Edward Huber with an iron bar last Monday. Huber's condition is critical. Flood left the schooner as soon as she arrived in port, but was found in a saloon. United States Commissioner Douglass remanded him for trial.

Sold Out After Forty Years.

KINGSTON, N. Y., March 17.—The Remer & Wenper Steamboat company has purchased from the Cornell Steamboat company the passenger and freight traffic of the latter between Rondout and New York. The Cornell company has carried on this traffic for forty years. The Ulster and Delaware railroad will continue to run trains to meet the boats as heretofore.

Imported Under Contract.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 17.—The appointment of Talbot to take charge of the new steel plant here has created a sensation and the courts will be asked to prohibit him from assuming charge of the works. Talbot is a native of England and as he comes here under contract it is claimed that his engagement is in violation of the contract labor law.

Frenchemen Trapped in Dahomey.

PARIS, March 17.—A force of 30,000 of the king of Dahomey's troops surrounded the French garrison at Kotonou, on the coast of the bight of Benin and reinforcements for the French are urgently needed.

The Laity Defeated.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 17.—By the close vote of 101 to 92 the Methodist Episcopal conference defeated the movement to give the laity representation equal to that of the clergy. About one-third of the members of the conference did not vote on the question. Rev. Dr. Smay presented a report on the proposed Methodist university at Washington. The report on the book concern was also presented and adopted.

Assaulted by an Ex-Mayor.

PITTSBURG, March 17.—The grand jury found a bill charging ex-Mayor Liddell with aggravated assault and battery. Mrs. Honora Clark was the prosecutor. Mrs. Clark, several months ago, visited the office of Spencer & Liddell's brewery to ask that no more beer be sold her husband and was thrown out, she claims, by Mr. Liddell, sustaining painful injuries.

Tug-of-War at Swarthmore.

SWARTHMORE, Pa., March 17.—The tug-of-war team of the University of Pennsylvania freshmen came here with the expectation of having an easy pull over the Swarthmore freshmen. Like the Sophomore football team last fall, however, they were mistaken, and the college boys were the winners in two pulls.

# GRAY & BOSWELL.

WE CAN SELL YOU PROPERTY IN ANY PART OF OUR CITY.

Roanoke City is located in the Iron belt district of Virginia 1,000 feet above sea level, between the Blue Ridge range on the East, and the Alleghany range on the West. Roanoke has a history that reads like a romance.

American enterprise has no brighter gem in its diadem of achievements than bustling and picturesque Roanoke. The growth of Roanoke is upon a solid basis as evidenced by the thrift and prosperity of its citizens. Roanoke is a city of 18,000 busy souls today, February, 1890, when only a few years ago she was a small village of 400 people who were tilling the land upon which is now built magnificent structures, classical and prepossessing in appearance. We will name some of the principal industries now in operation and doing a successful business: First, the Roanoke Machine Works, that gives employment to 1,200 experienced mechanics, and to these works will be added additional improvements that will give employment for 600 more men. Next comes the American Bridge Works that employ a large number of skilled workmen and this industry will also add to their present larger plant, finding it necessary, in order to supply the demand made upon them for work in their line. Next comes the Roanoke Rolling Mill, that has been steadily at work since their organization one year ago. The incorporators of this valuable adjunct to our city find it absolutely necessary to enlarge their plant and have so ordered it. Then comes the Crozier twin furnace with an output of 250 tons of pig iron per day. The Roanoke Iron company are building and will soon go into blast with a heavy 125 ton furnace. A large force of hands are employed at these last-mentioned enterprises. Next in order is the Norfolk and Western and Shenandoah Valley railroad repair shops; these shops give employment to a large number of workmen. This is the end of the division for the Norfolk and Western and the terminus of the Shenandoah, and the employees of both roads are paid off here, making a total of \$100,000 per month paid out here from the few enterprises mentioned. In addition to these industries is a number of smaller enterprises, such as will be found in the subjoined list:

Gas Company, capital \$120,000.

Electric light, both arc and incandescent.

Water works, the finest in the state, cost \$250,000.

Virginia Steel Company, capital \$5,000,000.

Diamond Ice Company, \$25,000.

Six planing mills, capital, \$50,000.

Virginia Packing Company, capital \$25,000.

Virginia Brewing Company, capital, \$50,000.

Has six banks, aggregate surplus, \$1,000,000.

Headquarters of the Pocahontas Coal Company, the largest coal operators in the world.

Headquarters of the Norfolk and Western railroad which employs 500 clerks, also the Shenandoah Valley railroad which employs 75 clerks.

Headquarters of the Washington and Western Railroad Company.

Headquarters of the Virginia Mineral Railroad Company.

Headquarters of the Roanoke and Southern railroad.

Tubbs Engine Company, capital \$100,000.

Rife's Hydraulic Engine Company, capital \$25,000.

Has ten hotels accommodating 1,000 guests.

Has nine building and loan associations, capital stock combined \$1,000,000.

Opera house, 75x170 feet.

Public buildings—three school houses aggregate cost \$30,000; Court house and jail cost \$35,000; Market house cost \$10,000; has twelve churches representing nearly every denomination. Has a large wholesale trade embracing sixteen of the most productive counties in the Old Dominion. This trade also extends into West Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The only city of any consequence within two hundred miles of Roanoke, is the city of Lynchburg by the James.

Roanoke is the headquarters of nearly all the mining companies operating in the Southwest.

Has the Roanoke river passing along its border, furnishing unsurpassed water power for manufacturing purposes.

Has Masonic Temple building, cost 25,000.

One thousand miles of railroad now in operation focus at Roanoke.

Roanoke street railway and transportation is now in full operation.

The bonded debt of Roanoke is less than that of any city of equal size in the South, being less than \$200,000. The city tax is \$1.25 cts. lighter than that of any city in the South and under the charter can not be increased.

The railroads and various manufacturing enterprises of Roanoke have monthly pay rolls aggregating \$200,000, all of which is paid to the citizens of Roanoke.

Has an excellent fire department.

The Roanoke Carriage Company is erecting an extensive establishment and have a large field in which they will operate, extending into North Carolina and West Virginia.

Roanoke has two large flour mills, the largest of which has elevators with a capacity to store \$75,000 worth of grain.

So much for the different industries already established and now doing a flourishing business. We will mention some few industries that are in process of organization:

The Steel Plant, Cotton Mill, Hardware Forge, West End Yards, and Stationary Agricultural Implement Factory, Boot and Shoe factory, and a number of smaller enterprises, all these together with the completion of the Roanoke and Southern railroad which is being pushed rapidly towards our city and is now completed to Martinsville, the county seat of Henry, will add fifty per cent to our present population.

We will also mention some improvements that will be made here by the Norfolk and Western railroad and their associates (sub rosa). First, the main office building will be increased to double its present confine, then belgian block the streets around and about their freehold, including Hotel Roanoke to which well-known hostelry will be added 125 rooms, which addition is now under construction, the material used in this improvement is stone and frame; all of which will be executed in the best workmanship manner. The double tracking of the Norfolk and Western will add largely to the population of Roanoke. This work has been let and the contractors are now preparing to begin their work.

The Roanoke and Southern railroad with its terminus and headquarters at Roanoke is now building rapidly towards Roanoke, and this road will begin work at this end within ninety days from the 18th day of February, 1890. This will assure for Roanoke an increase over her present population of twenty to thirty thousand people.

That you may understand what Roanoke is doing we will give you the amount expended on improvements in our city from February 1886, to February 1889, as compiled by the Herald:

The building of business houses amount to \$1,913,100, amount spent upon residences \$681,470, making a grand total of \$2,594,570. This does not include industrial investment of joint stock companies.

Notwithstanding the vast amount of money spent in so large a number of houses, today it is almost impossible to find a vacant house. As a field for investments you could not find a better place in the South or North. It has been said and justly too, that no man has ever invested in Roanoke real estate who has lost money; yet you must not infer from this that you can realize upon all property alike. If you will call upon us we are satisfied we can place you where you are most likely to realize quickly; you must remember and bear this in mind we can sell you property in any addition to the city of Roanoke. We have been in the business here for a number of years and are personally acquainted with the dimensions of every lot upon the market, and we respectfully invite "all strangers within our gates" to make themselves at home with us; we have ample room to make you comfortable and our conveyances are at your disposal. Trusting we may merit your favors, we are respectfully,

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